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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Please enter the following preliminary amendment into the above-referenced application.

ABSTRACT

Please insert the attached abstract into the application as the last page thereof.

CLAIMS

Please delete claims 1-19.

Please enter new claims 20-38 as follows. A clean copy of the entire set of claims is included below.

20. (New) Method for controlling call setup in a telecommunication system comprising a telephone network, a telephone exchange connected to the telephone network, a first subscriber line connected to the telephone exchange, a second subscriber line connected to the telephone exchange, a first telecommunication

terminal, a second telecommunication terminal, an answering service pertaining to the B-party, in which method the first telecommunication terminal is used by the A-party and the second telecommunication terminal is used by the B-party, wherein the method comprises the steps of

setting from the B-subscriber line a function preventing normal connection of a call to the B-party's telecommunication terminal; and

directing by means of the A-party's telecommunication terminal a call received in the answering service to the B-party's telecommunication terminal.

21. (New) Method as defined in claim 20, wherein an intelligent network is connected to the telephone network, and call setup is controlled via the intelligent network.

22. (New) Method as defined in claim 20, wherein normal call setup is prevented during a predetermined period of time.

23. (New) Method as defined in claim 20, wherein the B-party is informed about the function having been set.

24. (New) Method as defined in claim 20, wherein the function and the setting of it are controlled via the B-party's telecommunication terminal using DTMF signalling and/or a functional protocol and/or a text message.

25. (New) Method as defined in claim 20, wherein the A-party is informed about the function switched on by the B-party, using a voice menu and/or a functional message and/or a text message.

26. (New) Method as defined in claim 20, wherein, when the function is deactivated, the B-party is given information regarding parties having called during the service, using a voice menu and/or a functional message and/or a text message.

27. (New) Method as defined in claim 20, wherein the B-party's right to switch on the service is verified.

28. (New) Method as defined in claim 20, wherein a call received by the answering service is controlled by means of the A-party's telecommunication terminal using DTMF signalling and/or a functional protocol and/or a keypad protocol.

29. (New) Method as defined in claim 20, wherein the function preventing normal call setup is set in the telephone exchange or in the B-party's telecommunication terminal.

30. (New) System for controlling call setup in a telecommunication system comprising a telephone network, a telephone exchange connected to the telephone network, a first subscriber line connected to the telephone exchange, a second subscriber line connected to the telephone exchange, a first telecommunication terminal, a second telecommunication terminal, an answering service pertaining to the B-party, in which system the first telecommunication terminal is used by the A-party and the second telecommunication terminal is used by the B-party, wherein the system comprises

means for setting a function preventing normal setup of a call addressed to the B-party's telecommunication terminal; and

means for directing a call received in the answering service to the B-party's telecommunication terminal.

31. (New) System as defined in claim 30, wherein the system comprises means for preventing normal call setup during a predetermined period of time.

32. (New) System as defined in claim 30, wherein the system comprises means for informing the B-party about the function having been set.

33. (New) System as defined in claim 30, wherein the system comprises means for informing the A-party about the function switched on by the B-party.

34. (New) System as defined in claim 30, wherein the A-party's telecommunication terminal comprises means and the B-party's telecommunication terminal comprises means for processing tone frequency signals and/or functional messages and/or text messages.

35. (New) System as defined in claim 30, wherein the telephone exchange comprises means for processing tone frequency signals and/or functional messages and/or text messages.

36. (New) System as defined in claim 30, wherein the first telecommunication terminal and/or the second telecommunication terminal is an ISDN telephone or a normal telephone in a public switched telephone network.

37. (New) System as defined in claim 30, wherein the system comprises an intelligent network connected to the telephone network.

38. (New) System as defined in claim 30, wherein the answering service is a property of the B-party's telecommunication terminal and/or telephone exchange and/or a component in the intelligent network.

REMARKS

The above preliminary amendment is made to insert an abstract page into the application, to delete claims 1-19, and to enter new claims 20-38.

Applicant respectfully requests that this preliminary amendment be entered into the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicant's attorney of record, Michael B. Lasky at 952.912.0527.

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